

Abstract

In a rapid coupling, an end section 20 of a pipe nipple 12 engages in a through-hole 11 of a ~~bush-sleeve~~ 10. A groove 17 provided on the pipe nipple 12 serves to engage a resilient locking ring 23 formed in the ~~bush-sleeve~~ 10 in order to lock the coupled state. The locking ring 23 is located in an annular recess 24 formed close to the insertion end 13 of the ~~bush-10sleeve~~. If the pipe nipple 12 is not inserted into the bush 10 to such an extent that the locking ring 23 latches in the groove 17, the pipe nipple 12 is pushed outward by a compression spring 19 provided in the through-hole 11 of the ~~bush-10 sleeve~~, so that the groove 17 is readily visible outside the ~~bush-10sleeve~~. The groove 17 thus serves not only for locking in the properly coupled state but also as an indicator for indicating a state which is not properly coupled.